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CHINA — *Dear Mr. President*

The following open letter to President Truman from Clarence Pickett has received wide publication, but because it is of such importance to Friends in the Pacific Area the FRIENDS BULLETIN reprints it.

My dear Mr. President:

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee has asked me to express to you its gratification at your statement of January 5th on China. It seems to us most appropriate for you to have stressed the moral basis for our country's policy, viz., "international respect for the territorial integrity of China" and "no desire to obtain special rights or privileges".

For over eight years, Friends have been engaged in relief work in China. Some four hundred people have taken part in our projects there and have seen intimately the sufferings of that country under conditions of peace and war. Of these four hundred, approximately a hundred have lived, traveled, and worked in both Nationalist and Communist territory. They have constantly impressed on us at home their concern that the United States should not follow "a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China", to quote your recent statement. The primary consideration is moral, but in addition, we would like to present some of the practical facts that have led our workers to the conclusion that further American intervention is unjustified.

First of all, we wish to point out that the Communist success in China is a phase of a deep-seated revolution that grows out of the ancient suffering of the Chinese people. In 1911, the revolution was proclaimed by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the leader of the Kuomintang. For many years, the Kuomintang was the party of the revolution. Now the Communist Party has assumed leadership of the revolution and it is largely because of this leadership that they are now in power. They are riding on a tide which has been swelling for many decades. They have received a very large measure of popular support among the peasants and the educated classes of China. Our workers have observed a marked enthusiasm for the new regime among the people, not just among the members of the Communist party, who number only about three million. The younger generation of educated Chinese has thrown itself into governmental activities with a self-denying and enthusiastic spirit that is in striking contrast to the despair and cynicism with which those same students regarded the Kuomintang government. This attitude toward the Communist government, whether justified or not, is important to reckon with.

Secondly, our protracted observations in Communist territory during the past three years have led us to the conclusion that the success of the Chinese Communist party cannot be attributed to the Russians. We have never had any workers in Manchuria and, therefore, cannot speak for that part of China. But none of our returned workers with experience in many parts of Communist-held China below the Great Wall has ever seen any Russian military equipment or Russian military advisors. Our observations confirm the view generally held by others who have been in China during recent years that the Communists have won because the Nationalist government has lost popular support.

Thirdly, we have been struck with the sensitivity of the Chinese people to foreign intervention. The Chinese people as a whole are opposed to military aid from the outside. Not only is the Chinese Communist movement an outgrowth of the economic revolution, it is also a manifestation of the growing nationalism of China. The people of China are determined not to be puppets of any foreign government, and the Communists have adopted an aggressively nationalist attitude in order to capitalize on this determination. The large-scale American military intervention during 1947 and 1948 has played into the Communists' hands in a most dramatic and effective way, of which we could cite many incidences. Countless towns and villages in North China have been indiscriminately bombed by American-made planes which this country furnished the Nationalists. Some of our own workers in China have had to take shelter in trenches from these bombing attacks. This has helped them appreciate the feelings of the peasants with whom they shared the trenches. Quantities of American arms have been captured by the Communists when Nationalist armies have surrendered. The ordinary people all over China have been quick to notice these evidences of American intervention, and the Communists have not let them forget it.

The foregoing facts and others appear to us to refute the assumptions on which the proponents of further aid to the Nationalists rely. These assumptions are:

- a) that the Communist victories in China represent the conquest of China by Russia, which has imposed a puppet regime upon the unwilling Chinese people; and
- b) that the United States can by force thwart this Russian penetration.

On the contrary, our observations indicate:

- a) that the Communist movement in China has been

committed primarily to carrying out a revolution within China. It has close ideological ties with Moscow, but has framed its program with reference to the conditions and traditions of China;

- b) that American intervention has impelled the new government in an anti-American and pro-Russian direction. The Chinese people are hostile to foreign intervention from any source, and at present that hostility is directed primarily against the United States;
- c) that no amount of future intervention short of war can turn the tide.

We believe that further intervention will result in the hardening of Chinese resentment against America, perhaps beyond redemption, and the strengthening of Sino-Russian ties. In the future we should give ample evidence of our sympathy for the welfare and wishes of the Asian people. We believe that by treating Communist China as an enemy and by refusing to recognize her, we are not isolating China, we are isolating ourselves and throwing away the chance of influencing the course of events in the Orient.

It is part of wisdom to know the right limits of power and the right methods of influence. There is a time for waiting and a time for action. The United States must now wait in China, whether we like the turn of events or not. The time will come when the United States can once again take positive action of a constructive sort. Through voluntary religious and welfare groups, through international organizations including the United Nations, through encouragement of private capital and through technical assistance and other aid as set forth in your Point Four, our country can some day restore the good-will we once enjoyed in China, which is the only reliable basis for peace between nations.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee.

Yours respectfully,
signed) CLARENCE E. PICKETT
Executive Secretary.

TRACY MEETING

ANN RUSH, correspondent (Box 29, Tracy, Calif.) for Tracy Meeting, reports a retreat held by Tracy Friends in November at Redwood Park for two days. The procedure was based on quiet meditation, reading of spiritual classics and some comment and discourse with cooperative work on the camp and in preparing meals. "On returning some expressed the wish that all social intercourse might be carried on in this quiet, peaceful fashion." Anna Brinton attended. Another retreat is planned for the near future for those unable to attend this one.

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ORANGE GROVE MEETING, PASADENA

Orange Grove also held a small retreat over Saturday and Sunday of a recent week-end in a member's beach home at Corona del Mar. Like Tracy's experience its success was due to the care for the attenders' children by those who stayed at home, so that planning for a soon-to-follow retreat requires planning for child care by those who have just attended. Careful consideration was given to planning family gatherings which might for just one evening adapt the retreat's pattern of using a good solid reading to draw the group together and then spend the evening in a social time for young and old.

TUCSON MEETING

The December issue of the ever sprightly Tucson newsletter (FERNER NUHN, clerk, 605 East 4th Tucson, Arizona) begins with some historical account: "Tucson Friends first met together in 1940. Among early members and attenders were Mrs. Guy Converse (at whose home the early meetings were held), Richard Converse, Mary S. Moore, Faustina Johnson, Joan Reeves, Arthur and Tacy Binns, Louis and Ada Buzby, Guy and Esther Puckett, Randolph and Julia Jenks, Harry and Inez Foreman, Thomas and Corinne Lovering, Robert Fleischer, Curtis and Stella Hockett, Alice Weed, Sarah Hinshaw, the Earle Wamers, Mary Ellen Woodward, Mrs. Charles Parrish, Mrs. John Davenport . . . At present the Meeting for worship is held at 11:00 a.m. First Days in the "Activities Building" of the Trinity Presbyterian Church on East 3rd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues. This building is shaped not unlike typical Friends Meeting Houses. The Meeting owns a building site and hopes to build or to acquire a building suitable for its needs. . .

"Average attendance at the present time is around twenty. The largest attendance of this year was thirty-four. This included twelve children. The children retire to a First Day school in a separate room under supervision of Julia Jenks during the latter half of the Meeting-hour.

"Alex and Ruth (Outland) Szitty with Rachel and Penn come in from time to time from San Carlos, where Dr. Szitty is in charge of the Apache Reservation Hospital. John and Ann Salyer with Carrie Ann drive from their school at Vaya Chin on the Papago Reservation. Carson and Katherine Ryan with Katherine, Ann and Jane come from Sells, also on the Papago Reservation. Other distant members of the Meeting are the George Andersons of Cottonwood and Sylvia Canetta of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

"We are pleased to have a number of Friends who are visiting for the winter in Tucson. These include Margaret Fussell and Martha Blessing of Swarthmore, Penna., Clement and Grace Biddle of Purchase Meeting, N.Y., Barkley and Mable Morris of Western Indiana Y.M., and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris of Westport, Conn. Gladys Brown and her daughter, Connie, from Philadelphia, are residing in Tucson at present."

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FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET MEETING, CHICAGO

News from this Meeting is always welcome. As this Meeting moves from its old Fifty-Seventh Street location into new quarters in International House (1414 East 59th Street, Chicago 37, Ill.) it reports a most welcomed feeling of being at home. The change requires a consideration of a new name, but no decision has yet been made . . . New secretary for the Meeting and editor for the newsletter is now GLENN BARTOO, (5132 Woodlawn, Chicago 15).

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WASHINGTON FRIENDS

Another old meeting well known to many Pacific Coast Friends is that in Washington, D.C. (2111 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington 8, D.C.) which now considers an experiment of much interest. "Persons who have attended Meeting for Worship at the Florida Avenue Meeting House since December 18 have noted a change in the arrangement of benches which is designed to eliminate, during a trial period, the facing benches as an adjunct to worship. The experiment is an effort by the Committee on Ministry and Oversight to solve the problem of finding persons willing to assume the responsibility of sitting in the raised seats facing the Meeting. Actually, the effort goes further; and, by seating the participants, as nearly as the room will allow, in the form of a hollow square, seeks to provide a greater sense of unity and equality among those who worship . . . Special effort should be made to fill early each Sunday the six benches in the center section which have been turned around and which are not to be considered facing seats any more than any other seat in the room."

LETTERS TO THE YEARLY MEETING

To Individual Friends and Treasurers of Constituent Meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,

As nearly half of our financial year has elapsed it is time to take stock of our position. Following is a statement of amounts estimated compared with actual receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS

	Estimated	Actual
Balance on hand from last year	\$ 115.78	\$115.78
Contributions — Monthly Meetings	1,500.00	
To date:		
College Park	\$ 40.00	
Riverside	20.00	
Santa Monica	11.00	
Orange Grove	255.00	
Victoria	3.00	
Friends House	30.00	
University (Seattle)	50.00	
	\$409.00	409.00
Contributions from individuals	210.00	44.00
Bulletin subscriptions & contributions	900.00	305.12
Borrowed from Travel Pool Fund		
because receipts are		
insufficient to meet bills.		22.96
	<u>\$2,725.78</u>	<u>\$896.86</u>

EXPENDITURES

Bulletin:		
Editing	\$1,400.00	\$394.50
Printing	850.00	385.90
Postage	120.00	
Friends World Committee	100.00	100.00
Expense of Annual Session	25.00	
Postage and Incidentals	30.00	16.46
Travel on behalf of Yearly Meeting	150.78	
Reserve Fund for World Conference	50.00	
	<u>\$2,725.78</u>	<u>\$896.86</u>

Will you please inform me how much your Meeting will be able to provide and the approximate date? Please, do not delay remitting to the closing month.

ROBERT L. SIMKIN, Treasurer
1032 W. 36th St., Los Angeles 7, Calif.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

FERNER NUHN (605 East 4th St., Tucson, Arizona) is the Yearly Meeting representative on Indian affairs and so is a member of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends. This group suggests a way in which Friends groups, especially young Friends, may learn more about American Indians and also secure some funds for aiding Indians. This is called "Herding Buffaloes for Indian Neighbors" and involves selecting a certain meal or period when all the Friends participating watch what they eat during meals and set aside a buffalo nickel for each item eaten which originated with Indians. This includes such items as corn, kidney and lima beans, potatoes, wild rice, cocoa, squash, peanuts, tomatoes, pumpkins, maple sugar and so forth. Further information may be obtained from RUTHANNA SIMMS, 23 Howard Place, Richmond, Indiana and funds so collected may be given for Indian work in the Pacific and Southwest area through the A.F.S.C. office in southern California (426 North Raymond, Pasadena, Calif.). Other information about this committee and its projects may be obtained from Ruthanna Simms.

Dear Friends:

At the last Yearly Meeting I was asked to work out details for a Travel Pool which would make it possible for us to have at least one delegate from all the constituent Meetings on the mainland. While the Yearly Meeting warmly approved the idea, it is up to each Monthly Meeting to consider the idea and to bring it to fruition. In order for the plan to be a success, it is important that all Meetings participate.

The Finance Committee estimates that if each Meeting contributed \$25.00 to the pool, it would be possible for each Meeting to send at least one representative. Of course, we would normally expect that the larger Meetings would contribute more and the smaller ones less, but some participation on some basis is important. Over a three year period, the costs to any one Meeting on the West Coast would be equalized.

TRAVEL POOL PLAN

City	Miles to Berkeley	Round Trip @ 2c a mile	Suggested Share
Vancouver, B.C.	1,067	\$42.68	\$25.00
Victoria, B.C.	1,000	40.00	25.00
Seattle, Wash.	924	36.96	25.00
Willamette Valley	650	26.00	25.00
Stockton, Calif.	82	3.28	25.00
Berkeley, Calif.	0	.00	25.00
San Francisco, Calif.	10	.40	25.00
Palo Alto, Calif.	30	1.20	25.00
San Jose, Calif.	42	1.68	25.00
Tracy, Calif.	70	2.80	25.00
Pasadena, Calif.	420	16.80	25.00
Riverside, Calif.	490	19.60	25.00
Tucson, Ariz.	945	37.80	25.00
Sante Fe, New Mexico	1,195	47.80	25.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	430	17.20	25.00
Mexico City, Mexico	2,600	104.00	25.00
	9,955 miles	\$398.20	\$400.00

Would you be good enough to consider how your Meeting can implement this plan and what share it can assume? We should like to have replies in by April 1st.

ROBERT S. VOGEL

Finance Committee for the Travel Pool
1130 Glen Ave., Pasadena 3, Calif.

Births:

PAMELA, 12/14/49, to Clare and Paul Lord, 2931 Harcourt Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.
ANNE, 12/27/49, to Ruth and John Walker, Bloomington, Calif.
BENJAMIN FARLEY, 12/27/49, to Icaleah and Elmo Vickers, 3417 1/4 West Beverly, Montebello, Calif.

Married:

LOIS CLARE CROZIER and GEORGE H. HOGLE, 12/9/49. At home, 274 West 11th Street, New York, N.Y.

ARTHUR JAMES, son of Glenn James of Pacoima, California, is now a student in University of Chicago Medical School. Arthur was married last June to JEAN BELL, who had just graduated from U.C.L.A.

QUERIES FOR FRIENDS TEACHERS

A number of readers have called to our attention the following queries drawn together by a sub-committee at the Pendle Hill conference on Quaker education of last fall. The committee was under the leadership of J. Russell Edgerton and Mark Emerson and the queries have been distributed "for faculty discussions and for self-evaluation" by the Friends' Council on Education (20 South Twelfth St., Philadelphia 7, Penna.

1. *Self-Renewal.* Do you, aside from meetings for worship, find time regularly even though briefly, to meditate and to search for the leadings of the Spirit of Truth in your service to the young people who look to you as one of its agents? Do you realize that recreation is as important for you as for those you teach?

2. *Integration and Outreach.* Does your school achieve a sense of "community" which gives to adults, students and parents a concern for each other, and for others elsewhere, which makes the needs of all persons of importance to the happiness of each? What can you do to implement this? Does your own participation help to foster this personal stewardship among those with whom you work?

3. *Solution of Problems.* What efforts are made to develop non-violent approaches to group and individual problems? How free are you, as individuals, of the spirit which relies first upon coercion rather than patience and counsel? Do you attempt to evaluate the whole child in terms of his mixed nature, recognizing the areas of needed change, but searching equally for all evidence of positive growth?

4. *Human Brotherhood.* Is your school successful in creating a sense of respect for all persons regardless of race, creed, economic, or social background? Do you make a personal responsibility of the subtle discriminations so easy for young people and attempt to help with them? Do you emphasize distinction in caste by the manner in which you address the maintenance staff?

5. *Fellowship.* Do you, in your outreach of fellowship, so include all your fellow workers, be they parents, faculty, staff, or maintenance personnel, that its warmth remains genuine and distinctions are happily felt?

6. *Simplicity and Integrity.* Does your school foster moderation in personal enjoyment of advantages not open to all for economic reasons? As the students see you, do you "practice what you preach"? Do you endeavor to keep in touch with pertinent research which is available to you as a teacher?

7. *Friends Testimonies.* Do you present the testimonies of the Society of Friends when appropriate opportunities arise in and out of the classroom?

NEW SECRETARY

Oregon's LEWIS HOSKINS, born in McMinnville, educated at Pacific College with Master's Degree and Doctorate at Haverford and the University of Michigan respectively, has been named successor to Clarence Pickett, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee. The new appointment will become effective April 1st.

ANCIENT ADVICES TO FRIENDS

The FRIENDS BULLETIN is indebted to CAROLINE FOUKE URIE (Yellow Springs, Ohio) for calling attention to the following advice quoted from the Discipline of the Society of Friends of the Indiana Yearly Meeting, 1849, dealing with the subject of refusal to support war activities:

"In relation to this testimony it is our judgment that when goods have been distrained from any on account of a refusal to pay fines for non performance of military services, and the officers, after deducting the fines and costs, propose to return the remainder, that Friends should maintain their testimony by suffering, rather than accept such overplus, unless the same, or a part of it is returned, without a change of species . . . And that a tax levied for the purchasing of drums colors, or for other war-like uses, cannot be paid, consistently with our Christian testimony.

"It is the fervent concern of the Yearly Meeting, to recommend to the deep attention of all our members, that they be religiously guarded against approving or shewing the least connivance at war, either by attending at, or viewing of military operations; or in anywise encouraging the unstable, deceitful spirit of party, by joining with political devices or associations, however speciously disguised, under the ensnaring subtleties commonly attendant thereon; but that they sincerely labor to experience a settlement on the alone sure foundation of pure unchanging truth . . .

"And that the members of our religious society would carefully avoid engaging in any trade or business promotive of war, sharing or partaking of the spoils of war, by purchasing or selling prize-goods, importing or shipping goods in armed vessels, paying taxes for the express purpose of war, or from pecuniary motives grinding grain, feeding cattle, or disposing of their property, for the use of the army . . . A due attention to this concern is recommended to quarterly, monthly and preparative meetings, and to Friends in general; it being the judgment of the Yearly Meeting that if any of our members do, either openly, or by connivance, pay any fine, penalty, or tax, in lieu of personal service, for carrying on war; or allow their children, apprentices, or servants, who are members, to act therein; or are concerned in arming or equipping vessels with guns; or deal in public certificates issued as a compensation for expenses accrued, or services performed in war; that they be tenderly treated with; and if they cannot be brought to an acknowledgement of their error, monthly meetings are authorised to disown them.

"It is further the sense and judgment of the Yearly Meeting, that it is inconsistent with our religious testimony and principle, for any Friend to pay a fine or tax, levied on account of their refusal to muster, or to serve in the militia; although such a fine or imposition may be applied towards defraying the expenses of civil government; and where deviations in this respect occur, tender dealing and advice should be extended to the party, in order to their conviction and restoration; and if this prove ineffectual, monthly meetings should proceed to disown them."

The following item is from the editorial columns of the *Haverford News* (1/10/50), school paper of Haverford College; "What, we wonder, is this intellectual bastion of Quakerism coming to? George Fox must have rolled over in his grave, and the Inner Light surely flickered, when Dean Hoag announced the other day that Haverford 18-year-olds could register for peace-time conscription in his office. Nevertheless, we're all for it. Thanks to the administration for saving some men a lot of trouble."

HIROSHIMA

FLOYD SCHMOE (13434 40th N.E., Seattle 55, Wash.) calls the following report a "terminal" report, using the figure, we hope, of a way station where one stops one part of the trip to collect one's luggage, check tickets and wait impatiently for the next outbound train.

"Briefly, we went to Hiroshima—four from America and five from Tokyo—and with the full-eff cooperation of local people, from government officials down to school children, we constructed two duplex houses, Japanese style, to house four bombed-out families. These houses were completed and given to the city of Hiroshima on October 1st and they are now occupied by 24 people: two families of seven, one of six, and one of four. The houses are rented by the city for Y700 (\$1.85) per month. *Thirty-eight hundred families applied in writing for our four houses.* The selection was made from the neediest families by the Housing and Welfare Sections of the city government. Family heads now occupying these units include a school principal, a newspaper man, a clerk in a city office, and a college student. The money from rentals will go into upkeep and new houses. At the present accelerated rate of building it will take 15 years for Hiroshima to house all her homeless people . . .

"We made many personal friends, spoke to numerous organizations, took part in school, church, and civic activities, and gave considerable aid in the way of work, scarce foods and drugs such as dry milk, vitamins, and streptomycin, and social service to the Hiroshima Memorial Hospital . . . We have been assured of a sympathetic welcome for another year by both the Japanese and the Occupation governments. All of us who shared in this experience hope that the work can be continued. The need for living demonstrations of goodwill and friendliness is still as great as is the need for clothing and shelter . . .

"Of our group EMERY ANDREWS has returned to his busy schedule as pastor of the Japanese Baptist Church in Seattle, DAISY TIBBS to her teaching in Alabama and I to the University of Washington campus. RUTH JENKINS stayed on in Japan and is teaching in Fukuoka. The Japanese volunteers are all back at their schools or their work . . .

"Next summer we plan to build more "Houses for Hiroshima". We hope that you will feel free to assist us then. For your financial help and your encouragement this year we, and the people of Japan, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Cordially yours, Floyd Schmoë."

FINANCIAL REPORT 1/1/50

Total Income		\$4,461.09
Total Expenditure	\$4,245.09	
Bal. in Bank	216.00	\$4,461.09
Expenditures itemized:		
Publicity & progress reports	\$ 205.01	
Travel & freight costs	2,064.13	
Building Materials, Japanese labor and food	1,969.68	
Bank charges	6.27	
Total Expenditures		\$4,245.09

BEN DARLING, Treasurer

CAMBRIA CARRIES ON

CAROLYN BATCHELER (602 N. Sunset Blvd., Temple City, Calif.) is a Pacific Ackworth graduate and now a high school student in Pasadena. It appears we are to have a Cambria column for teen-agers—more power to it.

Saturday, January 7, was a trial day for Southern California Young Friends, otherwise known as the "southerners" from Cambria. As a group we had decided we wanted something besides discussion so Bob Bogen, Edith Pollard, Nancy Jenkinson, Dorothy Frey, Freda and John Way and Carolyn Batcheler headed for a struggling inter-racial co-operative settlement in the Mount Washington area in Los Angeles. Mt. Washington is a beautiful but inaccessible spot if your car is much over 20 years old. Five or six families are perched on this hillside with houses in varying stages of completion. We were met on our arrival by our Los Angeles "sub-district" members, Gordon, Martha, George and Jane. Soon we were notching a hillside and installing railroad ties for steps (which absolutely refused to be level!); tarring a roof and ourselves; pounding uprights and our thumbs; and tending kids—a traveling job.

By 5:00 p.m. our pounded thumbs, scratches, and sore backs began to take toll and we sat down to summarize our day's activities. Myra Dellenger told us we really had been useful. We were of one opinion that working as a group for others is time really well spent. It seemed we couldn't have spent a more adventurous day in the realm of group relations. We even went so far as to think that we should go again and we are looking for new and larger opportunities for a group such as ours.

How are all the Cambria "northerners" coming? Are you "projecting"? Or doing things we haven't yet thought of? Let us know through the BULLETIN.

CAROLYN BATCHELER

BERKELEY MEETING

New associate members in the meeting are EDWIN (RED) and MADELEINE STEPHENSON . . . The Finance and Building Committee recently met to plan for the new addition to the Meeting house and considered the drawings of HACHIRO YUASO which were highly satisfactory . . . MORTON and HARRIET SCHAFFRON with their children, BARBARA and STEPHEN are planning to return to the Bay Area as Mort is being transferred back to the San Francisco office . . . Nominations for officers for 1950 are Clerk, ANNA JAMES; Assistant Clerk, BUD MORRISSETT; Recording Clerk, TED FRIEDMAN; Treasurer, OTTO HECK . . . From the Berkeley Daily Gazette comes a clipped story and picture of HELENE HUBER of Vienna, Austria with her grandchildren, Tommy, Nancy and Christine Heck. Her son, Otto, and his wife, Virginia, are welcoming her to her first visit to the family in Berkeley . . . PETER GULDBRANDSEN (1429 Walnut St., Berkeley) has translated into English the Epistle of the Danish Yearly Meeting (1949) which is now being widely distributed. It begins: "From our Yearly Meeting which was held on the 17th and 18th of Ninth Month in Copenhagen, we wish to send our most hearty greetings to Friends at home and abroad, and to express our thanks for the many greetings and messages for whose thoughts we always are in deep need. We need these thoughts, because they add strength to a feeling of fellowship in our own local circle, a feeling that is weakening far too often. . . . The clerk is Bodil Friis.

THE FRIENDS BULLETIN

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Recently elected to the southern California Board of the American Civil Liberties Union was HUGH ANDERSON, 792 East California, Pasadena, Calif.

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A 700 acre piece of desert-mountain land at an elevation of 1 mile on the north border of the National Forest near Llano, Calif. is being considered for community development for "people of religious and humanitarian ideals", writes WILLIAM C. MILES (Box C, 51, Tujunga, Calif.). "The total cost is \$35,000 which includes 200 acres of flat land and 500 acres of slightly hilly land which will be leveled off for small homes in symmetrical streets . . . The climate is ideal in summer and in winter with no rain, but light snow . . . At present there are two very large new modern buildings worth about \$10,000, several cabins, sheds and an old ranch house."

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In GURNEY BINFORD'S (4230 Budlong Ave., Los Angeles 37, Calif.) Christmas letter he announced: ". . . I have been desperately busy trying to finish writing a book of my life memories, *As I Remember It*. When it is finished I hope to publish it, a book of more than 200 pages . . . In order to get some idea of how many copies to have printed, I am asking those of you . . . to write me a note giving orders for the first copies."

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The December issue of *Japan Friends News* (Edith F. Sharpless, editor, 20 South Twelfth St., Philadelphia, Penna.) is given over to an excellent history of the peace movement in Japan written by GILBERT BOWLES. It is packed with personalities and brings the subject to the present.

ROUND THE WORLD LETTERS

RUBY M. DOWSETT, Editor of the Round the World Letters, (51 Ponsonby Rd., Karori, Wellington, New Zealand) writes to the Pacific Friends: "The second series of Round the World Quaker Letters is now under preparation, and will include letters written by Friends throughout America, England, Scotland, South Africa, Australia, Germany, Switzerland, New Zealand and, it is expected, other Yearly Meetings as well.

"There has been a very encouraging response to this project from all parts of the world, and the consequent request for pen friends, and family and group contacts has already laid the beginning of a net work of communications between Friends in many countries.

"The following is an outline of the series of letters which are now being written by Friends in many countries:

1. Illustrate from the life of Jesus how He looked for the "good" that was in men and women and the effect of this on their lives.
2. Illustrate what we mean by the words, 'Answering that of God in every man'.
3. How 'answering that of God in every man' has called men and women to great adventure in the cause of Truth, freedom and human betterment.
4. Swiss Friends are writing letters on Pierre Ceresole, Gandhi, and the Pestalozzi Village.
5. What do we mean when we talk of 'hearing God's voice'?
6. Adventures in friendship.
7. Three letters, each from a different country.
8. Quaker stories that will never die.

"Several letters are under preparation in America for the older children—13 to 15 years—two of these being 'The Adventure of Peace' and 'Building a House in Hiroshima'.

"While the above list of letters does not include the entire plan yet it gives Friends an idea of how the work is developing."

UNIVERSITY MEETING, SEATTLE

New members taken into the meeting are LOLA WILLIAMS (1405 E. 40th St., Seattle) and ELSA and JULIUS A. JAHN with DAVID, EDWARD and MARGARET as associate members (6825 30th Place, Seattle). A new member named to the Center Board is WINTON PETTIBONE (1817 E. 50th St., Seattle) . . . E. RUSSELL BRANSON of the Philadelphia A.F.S.C. office is planning to visit the Seattle Meeting in late January or early February and has a concern to visit with Friends and Friends Meetings . . . The Committee on Ministry and Counsel has been carefully considering the matter of funeral arrangements. A helpful brochure of advice is available from the Friends Centre (3959 15th Ave., N.E., Seattle).

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